



FIELD CLUB NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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*The Newsletter of the Field
Club Homeowners League*

From the President...

Neighbors are always welcome at the FCHL Board meetings but a special invitation was delivered to the homes along Woolworth between Turner Boulevard and 36th Street for the January 10th meeting. On the agenda was a review of what we hope will be the final design for the installation of the first batch of historic street lighting along Woolworth. The design places old fashioned "acorn" lamp posts in between the existing overhead street lights to create a more pedestrian friendly feeling while maintaining adequate street lighting. The acorn lamps would be placed on the city's right of way near the property line, which is generally just to the house side of the sidewalks.

This is a project which has taken an immense amount of coordination and negotiation with the Omaha Planning Department, the Omaha Parks Department, OPPD, and Omaha by Design. Because of all the groups involved this project has had its share of changes and delays over the years, but we are hoping it is nearing the point work can begin. Tim Holland has given very generously of his time for this project and, with the neighbors' review completed at the January 10th meeting, he will working to obtain final approval from the city. Thank you, Tim, for all your effort on this and let's hope the work can receive the go-ahead soon.

One of the great achievements of the founding members of the Field Club Homeowners League was to obtain single family "R3" zoning for the neighborhood. This prevented the overcrowding and breakup of homes into multiple units which has hurt other areas of the city. The zoning allows for not more than three unrelated persons to share one residence. This zoning continues to be important to the neighborhood and I hope all residents will support this rule.

Tim Higgins

New Directory on Its Way!

A new Field Club Neighborhood directory is nearly done! Look for it in late January or early February. Thanks to Mary Rae Wolf and Cynde McCall for all their hard work in completing the latest edition of the directory.

SAVE THESE DATES

End of January **New neighborhood directory!**
February 1 **CSO Public Meeting**
 Douglas County Cooperative Extension
 8015 West Center Rpad

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*The Homeowners League Board meets the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm.
Call Tim Higgins with agenda items to Peggy Pavlik with newsletter items.*

Take Your Purse to Bed!

Don't ignore this advice! Our neighborhood has been plagued by break-ins and walk-in thefts. Bold thieves have seen purses and briefcases sitting out in the kitchen or in plain sight. These thieves have broken into home or just walked in through unlocked doors!

Take charge of your possessions. Take your small personal items to your bedroom with you at night. Or at least conceal them in a cupboard or closet.

If you see anyone acting in a suspicious manner call 911 immediately! Be explicit in describing what you have seen. Several neighbors have reported seeing people looking at homes and writing in a notebook. When the police have a concrete complaint, they can then investigate this type of behavior. If they do not have a complaint, they cannot investigate



Code Violations

Our neighborhood is zoned "R3". This zoning controls the number of unrelated people who can reside in a home. This zoning helps us protect the "single family" status of our neighborhood. Many older neighborhoods in Omaha have not had this zoning and have beautiful older homes turned into multiple unit rental structures.

Please help preserve our beautiful and historic neighborhood. Respect the zoning of our neighborhood. If you observe a violation of this zoning ordinance, you can report it directly to the city Housing Code Violation department.

Wintertime Home Safety

Protect your property and obey the law this winter! When it snows, property owners have twenty-four hours to remove the snow from sidewalks. Failure to do so can result in a citation. But even worse, failure to clear sidewalks could result in an injury to a walker!

Every winter our city experiences tragedies related to poor furnace use. Have your furnace checked by a trained, reputable professional to avoid a malfunction that can leak deadly carbon monoxide into your home.

Many of our older homes have functioning fireplaces. These fireplaces provide us a warm and cozy atmosphere. However, they do require some maintenance to continue to operate safely year after year. Be sure the chimney has been cleaned by a trained professional. Do not leave a burning fire unattended, especially at night. Be sure your fire is out completely before retiring for the evening.

Tax Credit for Renovation

Are you planning some renovation this year? It is possible that you will qualify for the new Nebraska Historic Tax Credit for renovation. This recently passed tax credit is designed to help homeowners of older homes continue to protect their home by providing tax relief at the time of major renovation.

You can call the Nebraska State Historic Society at 402-471-4787. Or you can check out this web site:

www.nebraskahistory.org/histpres/index.html

